

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
City Council Chambers, City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Nieves called the Public Speaking session of the City Council to order at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

130th District: Scott Burns, Matthew McCarthy
131st District: Jorge Cruz, Tyler Mack
132nd District: *Marcus Brown*, Rolanda Smith
133rd District: Aikeem Boyd, Jeanette Herron
134th District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia
135th District: Mary McBride-Lee, Rosalina Roman-Christy
136th District: Frederick Hodges, Alfredo Castillo
137th District: Aidee Nieves, Maria Valle
138th District: Maria Pereira, *Samia Suliman*
139th District: *Wanda Simmons*, Ernest Newton

A quorum was present. The names in italics did not appear to respond during the roll call.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604.

NAME

SUBJECT

Jacquelyn Cauthen
397 Charles Street
Becoming D.I.V.A.S
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Support for Teen Girls Book/Journal
Funding Program for H.S. "Living Foods."

Ms. Cauthen came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said she wished to update the Council on her Becoming D.I.V.A.S program for young women aged 11-17. She spoke about a book club and said that she would like to bring her program participants to Council Meetings as frequently as possible so they will be familiar with the governance process.

Ms. Cauthen said that the last time that she was present at a meeting in June, there was a confrontation that bordered on aggression and there were numerous labels used by Council Members. She said that she was concerned about bringing her girls to the meetings when there was such disturbing behavior. She then read a poem she had written about how people label one another.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Governance, Safety, & Finances.

Mr. Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Ladies and gentlemen of the Council, I welcome your return to the business of the City on behalf of all citizens. Yesterday was Labor Day, the semi-official end of summer, though those of us who have lived locally a long time know that some of the most enjoyable weather days are likely ahead of us. If we continue to escape damages from tropical storms and hurricanes it will be fine for all.

Where does that leave us City wise? A State of the City daytime address at AMP promoted online with spotlights shining. Would that the Mayor had had such an event last spring at budget time. Why the change of such a standard offering by a Mayor with supposed financial and development focus? Is everyone comfortable with members of the management team currently? With the Superintendent of Schools departing for Fairfield before year end, the public safety position getting closer to final decision, other leadership positions have open, new, or acting staff. Has the Mayor considered an open meeting to introduce the people in place who are responsible for guiding public administration successfully under his overall leadership? Are we post-Covid enough? Why are FOI responses behind also?

People have asked about street paving and cleaning also as summer has progressed. Some work has been completed, but there is no public display of streets scheduled for work before the asphalt plants close or the \$3.5 Million mentioned in a Post article is spent. Is this a lack of transparency or fear of accountability by not posting the expected work on these streets for all, to see?

I apologize for bringing FAIRNESS to your attention once again. Perhaps you have no concern about being considered UNFAIR. But I wish to know whether you have heard anything, at all, about the dead Boards, Fair Rent and Fair Housing, that died in plain sight, if your eyes were open, and have remained without Mayoral nominees for more than a decade. At a time when fair rents, adequate housing for all, and financial pressures of inflation and personal conditions are bearing down on many, why does no one in City government respond to this question?

The CT Post reported that a Trumbull based swimming team will share time at the University of Bridgeport pool rather than travel to Milford. Does no member of the Council find it strange that there is no expectation in current City government for creating a water safety program for all Bridgeport City youth? Is this an example of a ‘pool desert,’ like a ‘food desert’ or ‘bank desert’? Time will tell.

Council Member Suliman joined the meeting.

Eve Parsons
West End Community
Committee
506 Dewey Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Signage, Traffic, Speed bumps, Community
Safety and holding landlords responsible for
rental properties.

Ms. Parsons came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said that she had lived at her home for 20 years. She said that her neighbors have worked to clean up the streets and keep the storm drains cleared. She added that her group has worked with Council Member Burns and McCarthy on a number of projects. She said that the residents would like to have an increased police presence in their neighborhood which will allow the area to be safe and enjoyable for all.

Helen Olga Losak
304 Bradley Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Leadership Apology.

Ms. Losak came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Good evening City Council Members and the public. I am Helen Olga Losak residing at 304 Bradley St. and 46 York St., Bridgeport, CT, 06610.

I start by reading a letter Councilwoman Maria H. Pereira left on my mailbox. I got this letter because I told Miss Davis when she asked me if I voted no for the new Harding high school to be redistricted into the 139. Maria was belligerent and kept saying I can’t talk to Miss Davis.

Ms. Losak,

From this day forward you are not to call, text, email me or come onto the property where I reside at 206 Bradley St.

If you do so, I will be forced to do what you do incessantly, call the police.

Tonight was the last straw as you were knowingly speaking with Bridgeport Generation Now Codirector, Geneem Davis with the full and complete knowledge that both she and Callie Heilman purchased Facebook advertisements accusing

me of criminal convictions that were those of a completely different Maria Pereira.

You cannot be trusted, are a racist, and are one of the cheapest misers I have ever met.

I have taken a photograph of this letter as evidence of my request should it be necessary for the police to have evidence of my formal request.

Do not contact me again. Thank you.

Maria Pereira 6/28/2022

Former Judge Lopez jumped in and told Maria, “What are you doing? Helen can talk to anybody, you don’t control her!” At that point, former Judge Lopez ushered me out of harm’s way because Maria was being so aggressive.

Outside former Judge Lopez said, “You know how Maria is, ‘controlling’, her way or no way. Be careful with her.”

Maria, I made a police complaint about your letter for my protection.

You owe me a public apology for your actions.

True leaders accept responsibility for their behavior and mistakes, admit to them, apologize to those they have offended, learn from their mistakes and move forward positively.

Since you will not apologize to the Bridgeport Second Chances, myself and others you’ve offended, I have no confidence in you as a Council Member to serve 138th district.

You are a pompous control freak with selfish agenda. Psychology 101 teaches the only person you control is yourself. You do not control me and the people of 138th district. You need to resign at once!

Nicole Nelson
134 Dewey Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Request for consistent support from
representatives regarding concerns/issues
that West End Citizens may have.

Ms. Nelson came forward and greeted the Council Members. She said that she wanted to give an honorable mention to Council Member Burns for meeting with her and other members of the West End community. She said that she was hoping for a continuation of strong leadership from her Council Members. Sometimes it seems like her community has been ignored because of their income and lack of influence. Network Recovery has become a presence in their neighborhood

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and there has been an increase in homeless individuals in the area. There have been many catalytic converters stolen and also an increase in blight.

Eneida Martinez
819 Connecticut Avenue, #2
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Council Members, City of Bridgeport,
Accountability.

Ms. Martinez came forward and greeted the council. She then read the following statement into the record:

I asked that I not be interrupted or my time restarts for every interruption.

City Council Members – Reminder:

The Council is the governing body of the City except as otherwise provided in the Charter, and enacts ordinances subject to the approval or veto of the Mayor. It orders elections, levies taxes, authorizes public improvements, approved contracts, and adopts traffic regulations. Council Members are elected by the registered voters in the district they live in. They are to serve a term as agreed-upon taking oath. Council members are to serve the city in which they are elected by showing improvements in their districts, not threatening other council members without the FBI or lawsuits, leaving voicemail messages (Johanna Dorgan) – (elder abuse).

Council Members such as Maria Pereira are not in power to threaten, humiliate, intimidate, and make false accusations to any constituent or employee of the city of Bridgeport on whom they elected to support or donate to. Maria Pereira accepts tons of donations from City employees, attorneys, etc.

(Council Member Pereira objected and tried to shout down Ms. Martinez. Council President Nieves requested Council Member Pereira sit down and allow Ms. Martinez to continue speaking.)

It is not the jurisdiction or authority of Maria Pereira to use her title as Council person to lie to constituents that she is giving she is a governing body of the Town Clerk's office or to use scare tactic to seniors or other voting members.

Thank you.

Mr. Terry Sullivan
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Sullivan came forward and greeted the Council Members. He said that he was present to speak about the vacancies on Boards and Commissions. He added that there was also concerns about parks. He said that it would be important to get the kids off the street and give them things to do.

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ADJOURNMENT

Council President Nieves closed the public session at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Ganim called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRAYER

Council Member Smith led those present in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganim asked Council Member Newton to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Clerk Frances Ortiz called the roll.

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A quorum was present.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

• June 28, 2022 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCBRIDE-LEE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

PUBLIC HEARING(S) TO BE ORDERED BY THE FULL COUNCIL:

116-21 Request from OPED to Order a Public Hearing for September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. re: Proposed Ground Lease Agreement with Berlinetta Brewing Company, LLC for a portion of Post Office Square located at 1136-1160 Main Street.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED AGENDA ITEM 116-21 REQUEST FROM OPED TO ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. RE: PROPOSED GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BERLINETTA BREWING COMPANY, LLC FOR A PORTION OF POST OFFICE SQUARE LOCATED AT 1136-1160 MAIN STREET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

115-21 Communication from Tax Collector re: Refund of Excess Payments – Lereta, LLC Re: 1839 Main Street, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.

116-21 Communication from OPED re: Proposed Ground Lease Agreement with Berlinetta Brewing Company, LLC for a portion of Post Office Square located at 1136-1160 Main Street, referred to Joint Committee on Contracts and Economic and Community Development and Environment.

117-21 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection – Urban Act Grant – Ellsworth Field Improvements, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

118-21 Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: CT Department of Economic and Community Development – CT Communities Challenge (#23205, #23441 and #23891), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

115-21 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LERETA, LLC RE: 1839 MAIN STREET, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.

116-21 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BERLINETTA BREWING COMPANY, LLC FOR A PORTION OF POST OFFICE SQUARE LOCATED AT 1136-1160 MAIN STREET, REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT.

117-21 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION – URBAN ACT GRANT – ELLSWORTH FIELD IMPROVEMENTS, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

118-21 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: CT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CT COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE (#23205, #23441 AND #23891), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO BE REFERRED TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA TO BE REFERRED TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO REFER AGENDA ITEM 119-21 PROPOSED BLACK ROCK SENIOR CENTER LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANK HABANSKY FOOD PANTRY INC. TO THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE. (ITEM #119-21)**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

***104-21 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Port Security Grant Program.**

***99-21 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Grant-In-Aid-Beardsley Zoo Improvements.**

***106-21 Contracts Committee Report re: State Lobbyist Services Agreement with the Reynolds Strategy Group, LLC.**

***109-21 Contracts Committee Report re: Prescription Drug Benefit Administration Agreement between the City of Bridgeport, the Bridgeport Board of Education and OptumRx.**

***110-21 Contracts Committee Report re: 2022 Renewal Addendum and Amendment to the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) Group Agreement between the City of Bridgeport, the Board of Education and Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc.**

***112-21 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of an Update to the Job Description of the Classification of Tax Assessor Pursuant to Civil Service Rule IX, Sec 3.**

***114-21 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of a New Job Classification and Specifications of the Healthcare Administrator Position Pursuant to Municipal Charter Chapter 17 Section 206(d).**

Mayor Ganim asked if any member of the Council would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Burns requested Agenda Item 99-21 be removed.

Council Member Pereira requested that Agenda Items 106-21, 109-21, 110-21 and 112-21 be removed.

Assistant City Clerk Ortiz read the remaining Consent Calendar items into the record.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

104-21 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) – PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

114-21 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CHARTER CHAPTER 17 SECTION 206(D).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

99-21 Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Grant-In-Aid-Beardsley Zoo Improvements.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED THE ITEM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

Council Member Burns explained that there had been a change in the dollar amount along with one other additional change. Council Member Newton asked what the changes were. Council Member Burns stated that there had been a clerical error of \$1,000 in the amount and that the item should have been referred to the Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 99-21 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT-IN-AID-BEARDSLEY ZOO IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 99-21 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT-IN-AID-BEARDSLEY ZOO IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 99-21 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT-IN-AID-BEARDSLEY ZOO IMPROVEMENTS AS AMENDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

106-21 Contracts Committee Report re: State Lobbyist Services Agreement with the Reynolds Strategy Group, LLC.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 106-21 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: STATE LOBBYIST SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE REYNOLDS STRATEGY GROUP, LLC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

109-21 Contracts Committee Report re: Prescription Drug Benefit Administration Agreement between the City of Bridgeport, the Bridgeport Board of Education and OptumRx.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 109-21 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OPTUMRX.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

110-21 Contracts Committee Report re: 2022 Renewal Addendum and Amendment to the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) Group Agreement between the City of Bridgeport, the Board of Education and Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 110-21 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: 2022 RENEWAL ADDENDUM AND AMENDMENT TO THE ANTHEM MEDICARE PREFERRED (PPO) GROUP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ANTHEM INSURANCE COMPANIES, INC.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

112-21 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of an Update to the Job Description of the Classification of Tax Assessor Pursuant to Civil Service Rule IX, Sec 3.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED AGENDA ITEM 112-21 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF AN UPDATE TO THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF TAX ASSESSOR PURSUANT TO CIVIL SERVICE RULE IX, SEC 3.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

Council Member Pereira said that the item had been approved by the Committee, but it was not approved by the Council within the time frame stated by the Charter. Due to this, the item had automatically been approved. She questioned why it was included on the agenda.

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (PEREIRA).**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

102-21 Contracts Committee Report re: License Agreement with Creative Outdoor Advertising of America, Inc. for Trash Receptable Advertising and Maintenance Services.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 102-21 CONTRACTS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CREATIVE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF AMERICA, INC. FOR TRASH RECEPTABLE ADVERTISING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CASTILLO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (PEREIRA).**

113-21 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Approval of a New Job Classification and Specifications of the Health Code Enforcement Inspector Position Pursuant to Municipal Charter Chapter 17 Section 206(d).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED AGENDA ITEM 113-21 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPROVAL OF A NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HEALTH CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR POSITION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CHARTER CHAPTER 17 SECTION 206(D).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH NINETEEN (19) IN FAVOR (BURNS, MCCARTHY, CRUZ, MACK, BROWN, SMITH, BOYD, HERRON, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA, MCBRIDE-LEE, ROMAN-CHRISTY, CASTILLO, HODGES, NIEVES, VALLE, SULIMAN, SIMMONS AND NEWTON) AND ONE (1) OPPOSED (PEREIRA).**

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia then requested a point of personal privilege. When Mayor Ganim acknowledged her, she stated that she wished to know the reason for Council Member Pereira abstaining on the vote for Agenda Item 112-21 (Classification of Tax Assessor). Council Member Pereira replied that she had abstained because the item was not approved by the Council

within the time frame stated by the Charter. Due to this, the item had automatically been approved.

Council Member Simmons then requested a point of personal privilege. When Mayor Ganim acknowledged her, Council Member Simmons announced that she was resigning her Council seat, effective immediately. Mayor Ganim thanked Ms. Simmons for her service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CRUZ MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER NEWTON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services